

GREETINGS FROM COOLIDGE SCHOOL

October 31, 2016

<http://schools.shrewsburyma.gov/coolidge>

Dear Families,

This weekend I joined my mother and aunt for a late brunch. It's a special occasion when I have the two of them to myself, and I always try to elicit good stories. This time they reminisced about their childhoods in a small town in western Massachusetts- and how they savored Halloween as an evening of freedom. They explained that on this one night they were allowed to explore the neighborhood in the company of friends until meeting up with their parents at the town's 'Ragtag Parade' on Main Street. They laughed as they described taking pots from the kitchen so they could secure their goodies underneath their beds, safe from siblings. They recalled with fondness the man from Poland who was clearly confused by the unexpected arrival of unaccompanied children at his door- because he delighted in their costumes and quickly served up sandwiches and glasses of milk as treats.

So much has changed over time, and sometimes it's tempting to add "for the worse". Yet children still delight in this time of year as an opportunity to try new things, whether it be carving pumpkins, eating them, or watching them decompose. Costumes still delight young and old, because they allow us to see ourselves differently. Communities still come together to share and celebrate traditions. In fact, there are more and varied traditions to share, which is in itself something to celebrate.

Time is fleeting. Enjoy your evening and your children, whatever they bring! And like the sandwich man, may we all greet the unexpected with delight and kindness.

Sincerely,

Amy



Important Upcoming Dates:

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| Nov. 2-10 | BOOK FAIR |
| Nov. 5 | Coolidge Boys Fall Formal |
| Nov. 8 | NO SCHOOL – PARENT CONFERENCES & ELECTION DAY |
| Nov. 9 | Deadline to send all photo orders by this date |
| Nov. 11 | NO SCHOOL – VETERANS' DAY |
| Nov. 18 | School Store |
| Nov. 18 | Coolidge Variety Show 6-8 pm |
| Nov. 21 | 4 th Grade Chorus Concert 7pm |
| Nov. 23-25 | Thanksgiving Break |

From the Office:

If you are sending an email or a note about an absence or lateness, please include your child's first and last name.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBPAGE FOR IMPORTANT FORMS AND DATES:

<http://schools.shrewsburyma.gov/coolidge/>

We are also on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CoolidgeElementarySchool>

If your child will be out sick, out for a vacation, or celebrating a religious holiday, please call the school before 10:00am that day to let us know.

Child Safe line (for absences): 508.841.8886

Coolidge Main Line: 508.841.8880

Cathy Cairns, Coolidge Secretary: 508.841.8884

Mark your calendars with No School Dates, Early Release Dates and Holidays.

Coolidge Book Fair

The Book Fair will be open during school hours and from 8:00-3:00 on Nov. 8th, Parent Conference day.

You can also purchase books online through Scholastic. Here is the link:
<http://schools.shrewsburyma.gov/coolidge/media/index.cfm>



COOLIDGE CLOTHING DRIVE

Keep sending in your clothing, sheets, towels, blankets and drapes for the annual Coolidge School Clothing Drive. It is now underway and will run Monday, October 24 through Friday, November 18.

The material donations help the Epilepsy Foundation and Coolidge School gets \$.20 per pound.

Last year, Coolidge School collected over 3000 pounds of material and raised \$607!!! Starting on October 24, you can send in or drop off bags of materials in the Coolidge lobby.

Coolidge School Clothing Drive

Coolidge School will be having our 3rd clothing drive starting October 24th until November 18th. All donations need to be made of cloth-sheets, towels, blankets, all types of clothing, drapes, etc.



Along with making money for the school we will be helping by donating the items to the Epilepsy Foundation. Our school will get \$.20 per pound for the items donated.



We will keep the students involved by having them check to make sure the barrels are kept in order and any overflow will be stored until weigh-in day. We feel this could be a great learning experience for the students as well.

The barrels will be kept in the main lobby, so you can send the items with your child or bring them in yourself. Thank you in advance for your support.

Breakfast Available on 1/2 Days

Beginning **December 6, 2016**, Breakfast will be served on 1/2 days at Coolidge Elementary School, Oak and Sherwood Middle Schools and the High School. Lunch is not available on 1/2 days



Shrewsbury Public Schools 2016-2017 School Year Calendar

FINAL
Approved 2-3-16*

**Note: The first day of school, holidays, and school vacations will not change.*

Professional development days and early release days could change as a result of negotiations with the teachers' association.

| AUG/SEP 22 Days | | | | |
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| OCTOBER 19 Days | | | | |
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| NOVEMBER 17 Days | | | | |
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August/September

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| 8/25 & 26 | New Teachers' Orientation |
| 8/29 | Opening Program for Staff |
| 8/30 | Students Return/Full Day |
| 9/2 | Professional Development/No School |
| 9/5 | Labor Day/No School |

October

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| 10/7 | Professional Development/No School |
| 10/10 | Columbus Day/No School |

November

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| 11/8 | Election Day/Pre-K-8 Conference Day/No School |
| 11/11 | Veterans Day/No School |
| 11/23 - 25 | Thanksgiving Vacation |

December

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| 12/6 | Professional Development/Early Release |
| 12/26 - 12/30 | December Vacation |

January

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| 1/2 | New Year's Day (Observed) |
| 1/16 | M.L. King Day/No School |

February

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| 2/7 | Professional Development/Early Release |
| 2/20 | Presidents Day/No School |
| 2/21 - 2/24 | Winter Vacation |

March

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| 3/7 | Professional Development/Early Release |
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April

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| 4/4 | Professional Development/Early Release |
| 4/17 | Patriots Day/No School |
| 4/18 - 21 | Spring Vacation |

May

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| 5/2 | Professional Development/Early Release |
| 5/26 | Last Day for Seniors |
| 5/29 | Memorial Day/No School |

June

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| 6/1 | Graduation Day |
| 6/12 | Last Day for Kindergarten & Preschool |
| 6/14 | Last Day/Half Day for Students |

| February 15 Days | | | | |
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| JUNE 10 Days | | | | |
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1 snow day = 6/15 last day
2 snow days = 6/16 last day
3 snow days = 6/19 last day
4 snow days = 6/20 last day
5 snow days = 6/21 last day

PTO NEWSFLASH

Email: ptocoolidge@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us

Blog: <http://coolidgepto.wordpress.com/> The PTO has created a blog as an additional resource for information and notices. Come check it out!

Facebook Group: "Calvin Coolidge PTO" All parents, guardians, and staff are welcome to join our group on Facebook. It's a great place to chat with the community or ask a question.

Direct Donation: <https://npo.justgive.org/coolidgepto> There are many ways to help support the PTO, a direct donation is just one.

1. Variety Show Registration
2. Teacher of the Month- Mrs. Rubin!
3. Parent/Teacher Conference Bake Sale
4. Boys Formal- Forms will still be accepted
5. Candy Drive
6. Kidstuff Coupon Book Fundraiser
7. Reading Incentive Program

1. Calling all those who have sent in their **registrations for the variety show**, our first practice is this coming Thursday November 3rd from 3:30-5pm. Your child should stay after school and bring anything they need for their performance, including music on a flash drive possible. Please pick them up at 5pm. 2. The **first teacher of the month** chosen at random was **Mrs Rubin**. Your child can continue to send in their forms. We will be picking a name each month. Anyone in the school can be nominated. 3. **Tuesday November 8th is parent teacher conferences**. We will be doing a **bake sale**. Please consider bringing in baked goods in individual bags. 4. This coming Saturday is the **Boys Fall formal**. You can still send your forms in. 5. We will be holding a **candy drive** starting Tuesday November 1st. Look for notices in your folders.

6. PTO fundraiser: **KidStuff Coupon book** Urgent: The fundraiser is now over. If you have not done so, Please immediately send in the payment of \$25, or return the KidStuff Coupon book to your teacher. All books have to be accounted for. Don't forget our school receives 50% of the profit for each book sold. If you have questions, please contact Sam Gardner at

gardnercc@hotmail.com or Jane Bell at janebell72@hotmail.com

7. Reading Incentive Program - Our Reading Incentive Program has officially started. All classrooms have volunteer recorders who are counting and keeping track of the reading sheets as they are passed in. Please be sure that your child is bringing home the reading papers that need to be filled in and signed and returned to the classroom for recording. If you are not getting the sheets, please let your student's teacher know and they can contact me that we will make sure they are going home. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know. Thank you. Diane Betti - qltngbee10@yahoo.com

To include news about your committee, fundraiser or PTO event in future newsflashes, please e-mail your submissions to Kristie Biando at kbiando74@gmail.com and Rachel Reeve at rachelreeve@yahoo.com